

City Council Community Planning and Design Committee
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: City Manager/General Services – Refurbishment of the front of City Hall Facilities, Equipment and Automation Plan (FEAP) 907

RECOMMENDATION

The General Services Director and the City Manager recommend that the City Council Community Planning and Design Committee review and concur in staff's presentation of the proposed redesign to landscape and hardscape of the front of City Hall and the landscaped areas to the East Annex areas and the West Annex areas with options up to, and including, the Human Resources building utilizing upgraded hardscape and drought tolerant materials.

FUNDING

Funding for the redesign of the front of City Hall is included in the approved Capital Budget specifically as Facility, Equipment, and Automation Plan (FEAP) 907 \$200,000 including design-Retile Fountain and Seating Area-Renovate City Hall Plaza.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS


The main City Hall building was finished in the 1970's and the area in front of City Hall is beginning to show its age. The fountain cannot be run at full force due to the winds we experience in the afternoon. Existing tiles surrounding the fountain and decorative seating areas have been damaged due to skateboarders. The design concepts before you this afternoon move away from the fountain concept, yet focus on a centerpoint to the front of City Hall for gathering, and seating areas to allow outdoor events.

The design team, in looking at the utilization of drought tolerant specimens for planting to tie in the East Annex and West Annex will create a unified expression for the entire face of the City Hall complex. Staff has renditions to show the Committee, as well as a presentation from SEED Group Landscape Architects of Torrance, to present the proposed plan for your review and comment.

The design is also meant to be skateboard unfriendly as a means of protecting the safety of those who wish to come and enjoy sitting in front of City Hall, as well as protecting the site for the long-term condition and appearance our facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

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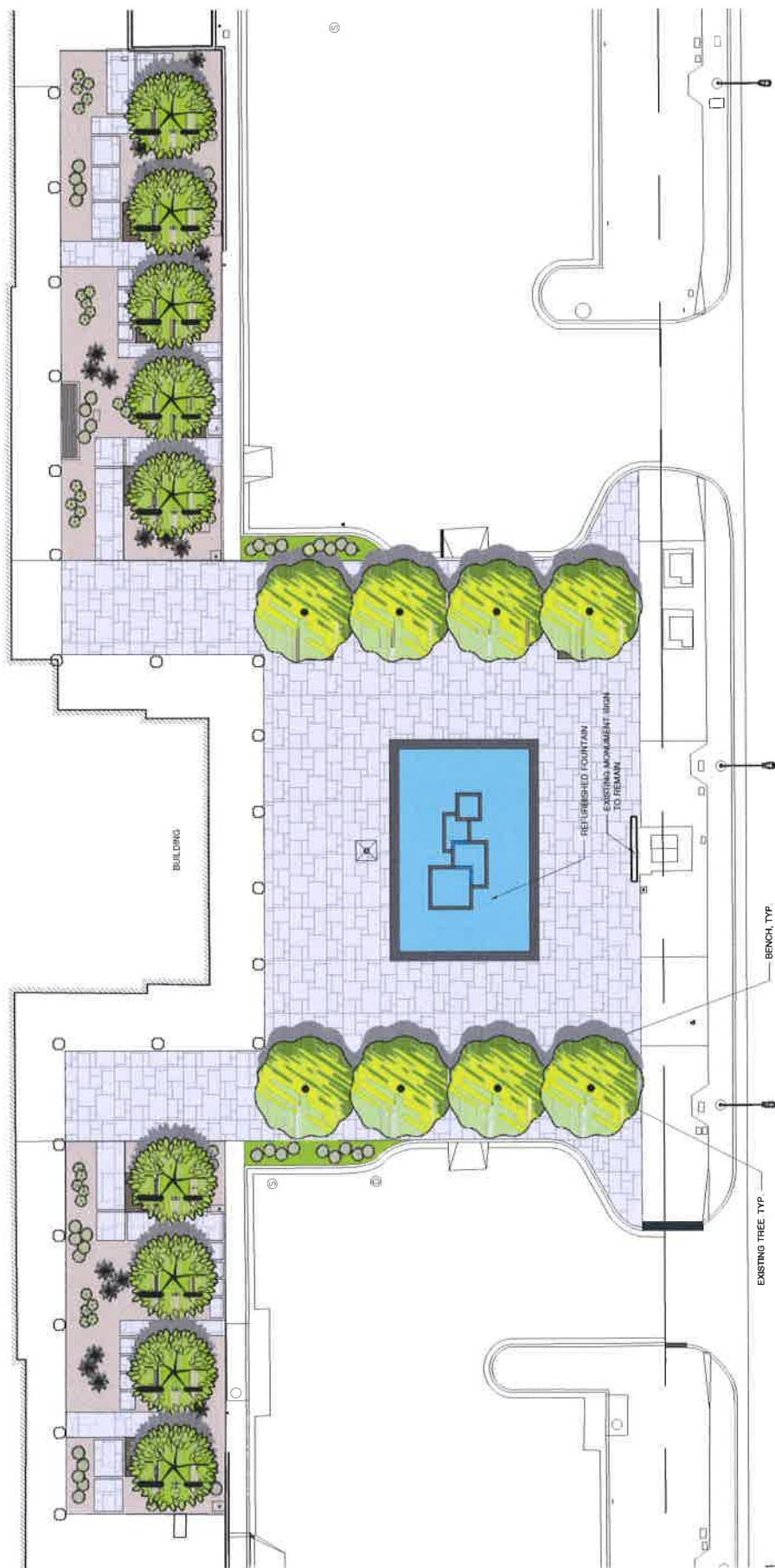
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City Manager

Attachment A: Design concepts for City Hall



CITY OF TORRANCE - CITY HALL PLAZA PLAN



CITY OF TORRANCE - CITY HALL PLAZA RENDERINGS

WALKWAY TREES



Parkinsonia 'Desert Museum'



Olea europaea

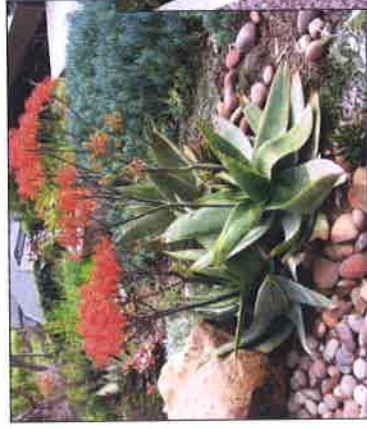


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Geijera parviflora

PLANT MATERIALS



Aloe striata, Senecio mandraliscae



Agave attenuata



Echeveria hybrid 'afterglow'



Anigozanthos



Aeonium

HARDSCAPE MATERIALS



Precast Wall Cap



3/8" Gravel Mulch



Concrete Fountain Edge



Skate Deterrents



CITY OF TORRANCE - CITY HALL PLAZA HARDSCAPE MATERIALS